

January 15, 2002


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*Ms. Renata Hesse
Department of Justice
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I strongly support the settlement between the federal government and Microsoft, and I believe that it could be the first step toward restoring prosperity to the high technology sector in the U.S. Consumers will benefit from the provisions in the settlement that allow Microsoft to decide which products and features it may provide to its customers and how to price them. It's time to do what is best for consumers and for the economy and this settlement seems to move the country in the right, positive direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Ayle".